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Charles C. Lovell
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1929
Education: Montana 1952 BS, 1959 JD
Began Service: April 1985
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Government: Chief Counsel, Appellate Division, Office of the Attorney General, State of Montana (1969-1972)

Judicial: District Judge, United States District Court for the District of Montana (1985-2000)

Legal Practice: Church, Harris, Johnson & Williams (1959-1985)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1952-1954)

Current Memberships: American Association for Justice; American Bar Association; American College of Mortgage Attorneys; American Judicature Society; Cascade County Bar Association; Montana Defense Counsel Association; Montana Trial Lawyers Association; State Bar of Montana

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Education: Montana 1983 MBA

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Jack D. Shanstrom
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1932
Education: Montana 1956 BA, 1957 BS, 1957 LLB
Began Service: 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Government: Assistant City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of Livingston, Montana (1960); County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney, County of Park, Montana (1960-1965)

Judicial: Judge, Montana District Court (1965-1982); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of Montana (1983-1990)

Legal Practice: Partner, Shanstrom & Fitzgerald (1960-1963); Private Practice

Military Service: United States Air Force (1957-1960)

Current Memberships: Park County Bar Association; State Bar of Montana

Staff

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Keith Strong
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: January 2007
Term Expires: 2015

Staff

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Carolyn S. Ostby
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1951
Education: Macalester 1972 BA; Montana 1977 JD
Began Service: February 2002
Term Expires: February 22, 2018

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Chief Judge The Honorable Russell E. Smith, United District Court for the District of Montana (1977-1979)

Government: Attorney-Advisor, Office of Legal Counsel, United States Department of Justice (1979-1981)

Legal Practice: Partner, Crowley, Haughey, Hanson, Toole & Dietrich, P.L.L.P. (1980-2001)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Judicature Society; Cascade County Bar Association; State Bar of Montana

Staff

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Term Expires: August 2011
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Education: Montana 2009 JD
Career Law Clerk **James Conwell** (406) 247-7025
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Education: Montana 1986 BA, 1994 JD

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Jeremiah C. Lynch
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: June 10, 2006
Term Expires: June 9, 2014

Clerkships: Law Clerk, District Judge Paul G. Hatfield, United States District Court for the District of Montana (1981-1995)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Private Practice (1995-2006)

Staff

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Education: Montana JD

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Gerard M. Schuster
Magistrate Judge (Part-Time)

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Montana 1967 BA, 1972 JD
Began Service: 1974

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; National District Attorneys Association; State Bar of Montana

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Robert M. Holter
Magistrate Judge (recalled)

Began Service: January 21, 1988; January 3, 2003

Staff

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United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Montana

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Number of Judgeships: 1

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Ralph B. Kirscher
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1951
Education: Montana; American U MPA; Montana JD
Began Service: November 18, 1999
Term Expires: November 18, 2013

Affiliation: Adjunct Lecturer, School of Law, The University of Montana-Missoula

Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Ralph B. Kirscher *continued*

Academic: Adjunct Lecturer, School of Law, The University of Montana-Missoula (1992-1997)

Current Memberships: National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Silver Bow County Bar Association; State Bar of Montana

Staff

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BAP Law Clerk **(Vacant)**

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John L. Peterson

Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

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Number of Judgeships: 3

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